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1. SUMMARY: ON MARCH 15 I MET AT MY REQUEST WITH PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL SAMUEL EBOUA TO DISCUSS MY UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS. AFTER SPEAKING WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO, EBOUA REQUESTED I AGAIN SEE HIM ON MARCH 20. EBOUA INDICATED THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE TWO MESSAGES WHICH CAMEROON WISHED ME TO CONVEY DURING MY CONSULTATIONS: 1) CAMEROON BACKED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR ZIMBABWE AND HOPED THAT WE WOULD NOT WAVER IN OUR DETERMINATION TO HAVE A SETTLEMENT WHICH INVOLVED ALL OF THE PARTIES AND 2) CAMEROON NEEDED AS AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM ALL OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT INDICATED IN THEIR LAST COMMUNICATION TO US ON THE SUBJECT (REFS). HE ALSO TAKLED ABOUT THE CUBAN/&OVIET ROLE IN AFRICA AND HUMAN RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. CONSULTATIONS: EBOUA INDICATED DURING OUR FIRST CONVERSATION THAT HE THOUGHT PRESENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WAS EXECLENT AND HE WOULD CHECK WITH PRESIDENT TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS HE WISHED ME TO TAKE UP. IN SECOND CONVERSATION EBOUA SAID THAT ONLY TWO POINTS PRESIDENT WISHED ME TO EMPHASIZE WERE THOSE GIVEN SUMMARY ABOVE.

3. ZIMBABWE: HE HOPED US WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WITH VIGOR AS GURC SEES IT AS THE ONLY VIABLE ROUTE TO PEACE IN ZIMBABWE. HE ADDED THAT UNLESS YOU GET AL SIX LEADERS TOGETHER THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE PEACE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

4. FMS: ON FMS EBOUA WAS INFORMED THAT IN SPITE OF ZBB, ADDITIONAL REQUESTS OTHER COUNTRIES AND OUR POLICY OF RESTRAINT, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD PROPOSED \$3 MILLION FOR FY 79. HE UNDERSTOOD OUR LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, EBOUA, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO, EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT FMS CREDIT PROGRAM FOR FY 78 AND ADMINISTRATION NROPOSALS FOR FY 79. HE URGED THAT ALL EQUIPMENT ON LIST (REFS) BE PROCURED.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: DURING FIRST CONVERSATION, I HANDED HIM FRENCH TRANSLATION OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON CAMEROON (WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER DIP NOTE) AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GURC WOULD RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR INFO FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SINCE THEIR VIEWS WERE SOLICITED FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. I ALSO ASKED FOR AN INDICATION OF THE NUMBERS OF DETAINEES RELEASED PURSUANT TO THE FEBRURY 18 AMNESTY ANNOUNCED ON TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER. HE SAID THAT IT WAS GURC POLICY NOT TO ANNOUNCE NAMES, UT HE WOULD TRY TO GIVE ME A REPORT ON SUBJECT. IN SECOND CONVERSATION EBOUA SAID THAT NINTY-CONFIDENTIAL

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FIVE PEOPLE WERE DETAINED AS RESULT OF 1976 ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS SUPPORTING TNE BANNED UPC. WITH FEBRUARY 18TH AMNESTY, A TOTAL OF SEVENTY PER CENT HAD BEEN RELEASED IN ALL AMNESTIES AND IT WAS GURC INTENTION TO RELEASE REMAINDER AT TIME OF MAY 20TH NATIONAL DAY AMNESTY. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH VICE MINISTER TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION YANG THIS FIGURE WAS CONFIRMED. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION, YANG SAID THAT THER WER NO OTHER POLITICAL DETAINEES AND THAT UPCOMING AMNESTY WOULD CLEAR OUT ALL SUCH DETAINEES. HE NOTED THAT CONTRARY TO POPULAR MISCONCEPTION, THE MARTIAL LAW FOR NKONGSAMBIA-TOMBEL AREA HAD BEEN LIFTED AND PRESENTLY NO PART OF CAMEROON WAS UNDER THIS REGIME. YANG SAID THAT COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA HE FELT THAT GURC HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES QUITE GOOD. HE ADDED THAT GURC POLICIES SO LIBERAL IN FACT THAT VICTORIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS IN NAME OF FREEDOM OF PRESS FELT THEY HAD LICENSE TO PRINT WHATEVER THEY WANTED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT WAS TRUE OR NOT.

6. THE HORN: EBOUA OBSERVED THAT HE FELT IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO REAIN RELATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES IN CONFLICT. HE THOUGHT THE QUESTION OF ETHNIC MINORITIES LIVING ACROSS NA-

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WAS A PROBLEM FOR THE OAU, WHETHER IT BE IN  
THE HRON, CHAD OR ANY OTHER PLACE. HE SAW AFRICAN BOUNDARIES  
AS ARBITRARY AND PROBLEM OF REDRAWING THEM AS VIRTUALLY  
IMPOSSIBLE. HE SPOKE OF "FIRE AND BLOOD" IF THERE SHOUD BE  
AN ATTEMPT TO REDEFINE THEM. IN HIS VIEWS, CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE  
PAID BY THE USSR. THEY WILL NOT LEAVE AFRICA, BUT WILL MOVE  
FROM ONE CONTRY TO ANOTHER IN SPREADING THEIR INFLUENCE.  
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